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Security Information
IAC-PR-27
8 October 1952

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PROGRESS REPORT

PROJECTS COMPLETED

1. SE-32: Consequences of Communist Control over South Asia, published 3 October 1952.
2. NIE-35/2: Probable Developments in Indochina through Mid-1953, published 29 August 1952.
3. NIE-58: Relations Between the Chinese Communist Regime and the USSR: Their Present Character and Probable Future Courses, published 10 September 1952.
4. NIE-69: Probable Developments in North Africa, published 12 September 1952.

PROJECTS IN PROCESS

5. SE-33: Prospects for Survival of Mossadeq Regime in Iran
Priority: Crash*
Status: Requested by NSC to be considered at special IAC meeting at 10:30 Wednesday, 8 October. Board draft was circulated to IAC agencies on 4 October. IAC representatives met on 6 October.

* Priorities used in decreasing order of urgency are: Crash, Urgent, Routine, and Deferred. (Note: on the basis of experience we propose to reduce the priorities to the above thereby eliminating "high", which formerly appeared between "Urgent" and "Routine.")

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6. NIE-40: Potential Military, Economic, and Scientific Accretions to the USSR Resulting from the Acquisition of Western Europe in the Foreseeable Future

Priority: Routine

Status: Scheduled by O/NE in late May 1951 (see Item 14, IAC-D-1, dated 1 November 1950). Referred for action to EIC in June 1951. EIC contribution has been received. A draft is under consideration in O/NE.

7. NIE-42/1: The Current Situation in Albania

Priority: Urgent

Status: Revision of NIE-42, published 20 November 1951, requested by the Department of State. By memorandum dated 19 September, O/NE recommended the preparation of a slant without recourse to terms of reference and prior IAC representatives meeting. All agencies agreed to this procedure on 22 September. A draft is under consideration in O/NE.

8. NIE-45: Probable Attitudes and Policies of the Free World toward the East-West Conflict

Priority: Routine

Status: At the IAC meetings on 14 and 24 April (IAC-M-67, para. 6, and IAC-M-68, para. 1), it was agreed that an estimate on this general subject would replace NIE-45, cancelled by the IAC. Terms of reference were prepared by ONI and submitted to O/NE on 5 May. On 13 May, O/NE circulated these with recommendations for modifications. All agencies concurred. Board action on revised terms of reference has been deferred pending progress on NIE-64 (Part II).

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9. NIE-47: Communist Intentions and Capabilities in Asia

Priority: Routine

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10. NIE-56: Likelihood of Loss of Important Economic Resources of the Far East

Priority: Routine

Status: A series of estimates to cover this subject authorized by the IAC on 11 October at the request of G-2. Contributions to Part I (Economic) are being handled through the EIC. EIC contribution was received on 24 April. A draft is under consideration in O/NE.

11. NIE-59: Relative Strategic Importance of East-West Trade to the Soviet Orbit and to the Rest of the World

Priority: Routine

Status: Initiated in response to NSC requirement. On 16 November the Project was referred to the EIC by the IAC representatives. The draft of the EIC working group was received in O/NE on 3 October and is now under review. The EIC approved draft is expected about 16 October.

12. NIE-63: France's Prospective Ability to Play a Major Role in the Western Security System

Priority: Routine

Status: Authorized by the IAC on 13 March at the suggestion of the Board. IAC representatives met on terms of reference on 7 April. All contributions have now been received. A draft is under consideration in O/NE.

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13. NIE-64 Soviet Bloc Capabilities, through Mid-1953
(Part I):

Priority: Urgent

Status: Authorized by the IAC on 13 March at the suggestion of the Board of National Estimates. Estimated date of publication: late October. IAC representatives have met on a draft and have cleared most of body of text. They will reconvene on "Conclusions" at an early date.

14. NIE-64 Probable Soviet Bloc Courses of Action through
(Part II): Mid-1953

Priority: Urgent

Status: Authorized by the IAC on 13 March at the suggestion of the Board. Target date: mid-November. A draft is under consideration in O/NE.

15. NIE-65: Soviet Bloc Capabilities, through 1957

Priority: Routine

Status: Authorized by the IAC on 13 March at the suggestion of the Board. IAC representatives approved terms of reference on 6 June. Subject to IAC approval, Defense contribution now due 1 December; OIR and O/RR contributions now due 15 December. (Note: Defense agencies are being canvassed to ascertain desirability of changing termination date of estimate from 1957 to 1956 to conform to date of medium term plans).

16. NIE-70: Conditions and Trends in Latin America Affecting US Security

Priority: Routine

Status: Initiated pursuant to paragraph 2 f of Board Program of Estimates circulated on 5 May 1952 and IAC action on O/NE memorandum dated 29 April. Target date: 15 October. A draft is under consideration in O/NE.

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17. NIE-71: Probable Outlook for Italy

Priority: Routine

Status: Initiated pursuant to paragraph 2d. of Board Program of Estimates for Remainder of 1952, circulated on 5 May 1952. Contributions are under review in O/NE.

18. NIE-72: Probable Developments in the Union of South Africa

Priority: Routine

Status: This estimate was projected in the Program of Estimates for the Remainder of 1952. On 21 May the IAC concurred in scheduling the estimate. IAC representatives met on 6 October. The revised draft will be forwarded about 9 October to the IAC for consideration.

19. NIE-73: Conditions and Trends in the Middle East Affecting US Security

Priority: Routine

Status: The Board recommended to the IAC on 26 June the scheduling of this estimate. IAC concurred on 3 July, on which date the IAC representatives met on terms of reference. Contributions were all in by 9 September. A draft is being prepared in O/NE.

20. NIE-74: Probable Developments in Burma through 1953

Priority: Routine

Status: Requested by State and approved by the IAC on 30 September. Target date: 15 December. IAC representatives approved terms of reference on 1 October. Contributions are due on 10 November.

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B. Scientific Intelligence Estimates

Except as otherwise noted, the following projects were initiated by CIA and approved by SIC for production.

Completed

21. Foreign Activities and Potential in Cloud Explosives

Published 29 August 1952

22. Status of Soviet Medical Research

Estimated Date of Publication: October, 1952

Status: Concurred in by JMSIC on 1 August 1952

23. Status of Soviet BW Program

Published 29 August 1952

Pending

The following projects will be referred to the SEC on 16 October 1952 for determination of future course of action:

24. Status of Soviet Developments in the Field of Physics

Status: Contributions received from SIC agencies.

25. Status of Soviet CW Program

Status: Preliminary draft not concurred in by JCWIC. Revised draft, prepared following receipt of new Army and Air Force data.

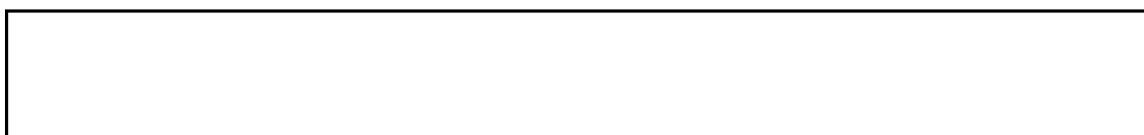
26. Status of Soviet Metallurgy Program

Status: Terms of reference approved by the ad hoc committee on 1 November 1951. Contributions have been received from SIC agencies.

27. Development and Utilization of Science in the Soviet Union

Other Pending Projects:

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C. Economic Intelligence Estimates

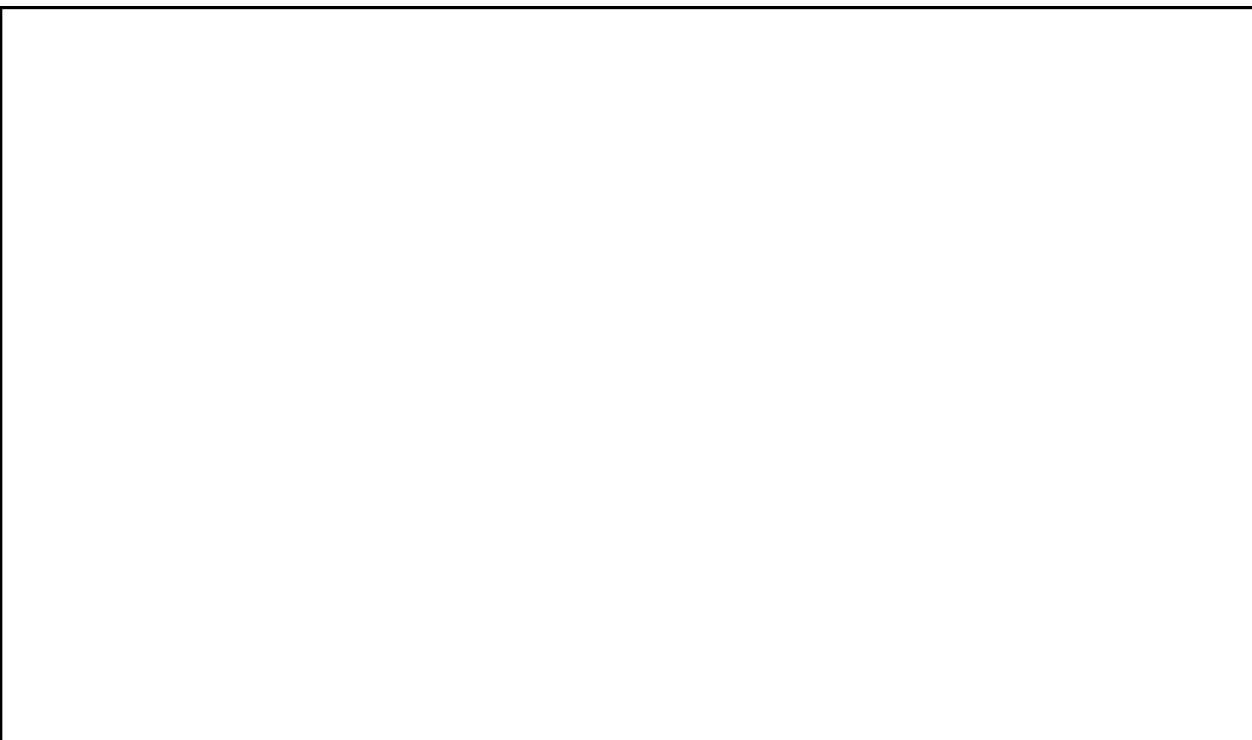
29. Economic Capabilities for War of the USSR and its Satellites

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D. Other Items of Concern to the Committee

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1. SIE-5 (Formerly NIE-60, Part I): Soviet Air Defense Capabilities
1952-1954

Status: Initiated by OSI and approved by the IAC on
1 November 1951.

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IAC representatives completed action on 25 September. Text was considered by the IAC on 30 October, and referred back to the IAC representatives for revision of the conclusions. Revised conclusions were forwarded to the IAC under cover of memorandum dated 12 November 1952.

2. SIE-6 (Formerly NIE-60, Part III): Soviet Programs to Disperse
Industry and Stockpile

Status: Requested by State and authorized by the IAC
on 15 November 1951. IAC representatives approved terms
of reference on 27 December. The ORR contribution was
received and reviewed. On the basis of its efforts to
produce a draft the Board concluded that this estimate
should be cancelled and discussion inaugurated with
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problem, namely the location of Soviet industry, the
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